

**DECLARATION FOR USA PATENT APPLICATION**

(including Design and National Stage PCT)

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entitled: GENES CODING PROTEINS FOR EARLY LIVER DEVELOPMENT AND THEIR USE IN DIAGNOSING AND TREATING...

the specification of which:  
is attached hereto  
(or)

XX was filed on November 1, 1999 as U.S. Application No. 09/431,184.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

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